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THE HANDS OF SHANG-CHI, MASTER OF KUNG FU TM

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SHANG-CHI MUST CHOOSE
THE LADY OR THE
TIGER-- AND EITHER
WAY IT'S DEATH!



AT THE MERCY
OF PAVANE!

ERNIE
CHIAN
1978

"Call me Shang-Chi, as my **father** did, when he raised me and molded my mind and my body in the vacuum of his Honan, China retreat. I learned many things from my father. Since then, I have learned that my father is **Dr. Fu Manchu**, the most insidiously evil man on earth...and that to **honor** him would bring nothing but **dishonor** to the spirit of my **name**.

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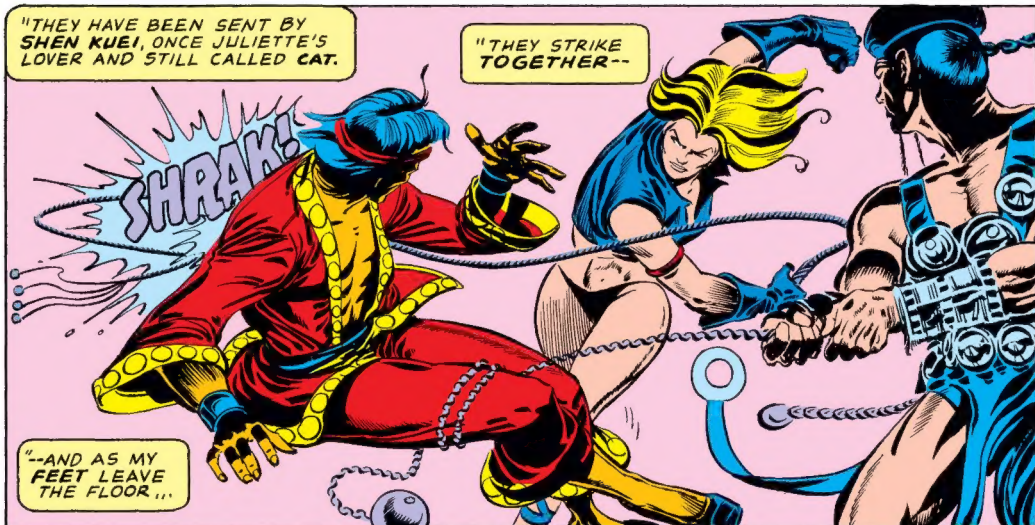
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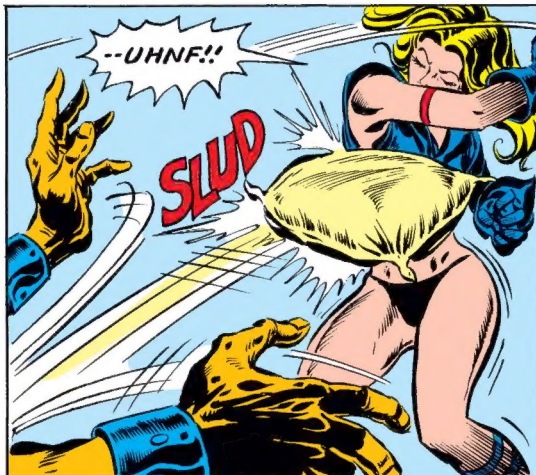
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IN A STOREHOUSE ON THE BANK OF A RIVER
BEYOND HONG KONG..."

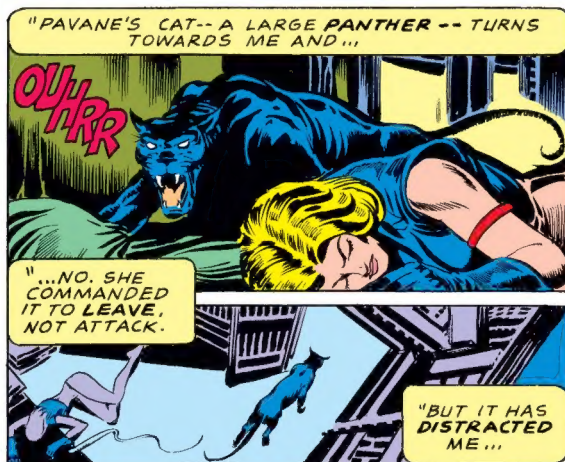
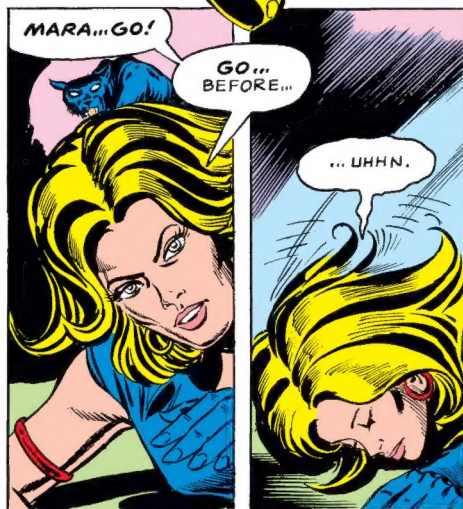
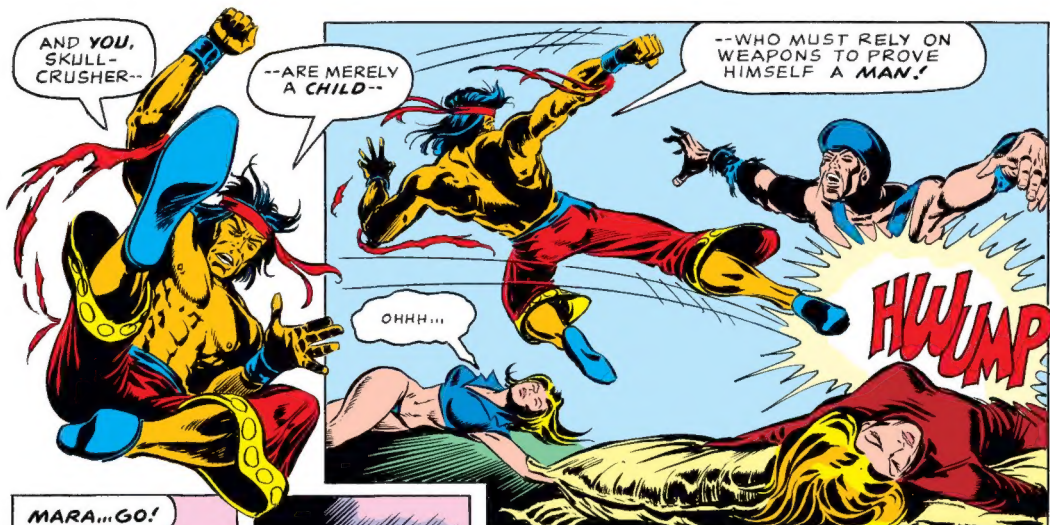
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SINGER
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LIES STILL...
PERHAPS
DEAD..."

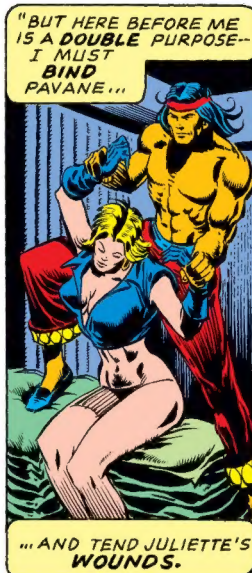
"...AND WHERE
SKULLCRUSHER
SEEKS TO JUSTIFY
HIS NAME!"

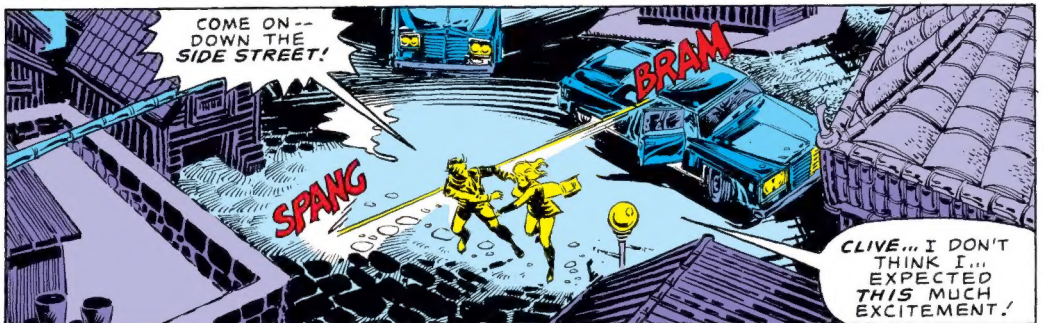
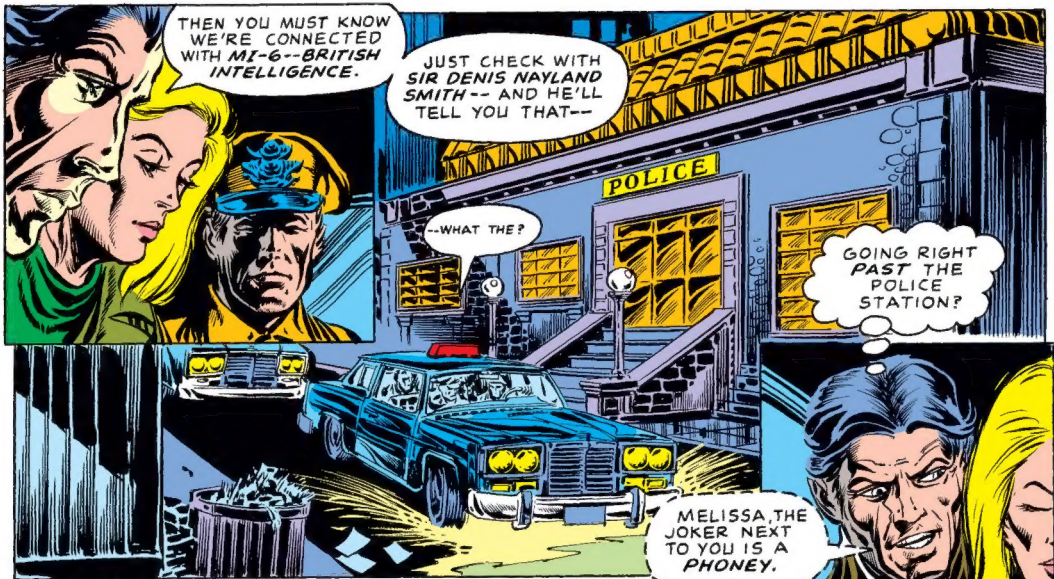
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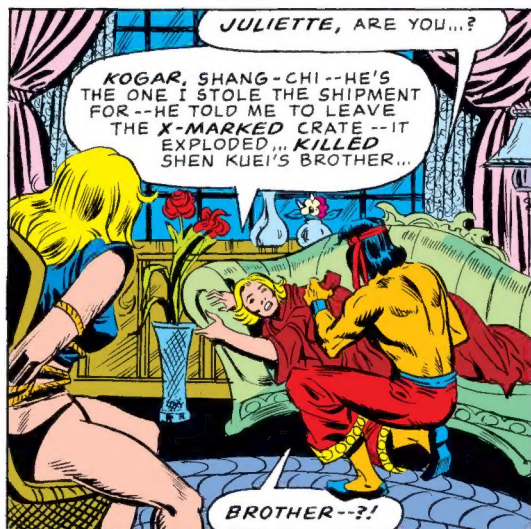














AND NOW KOGAR HAS MADE CERTAIN SHEN WILL KILL ME-- FOR HIS BROTHER'S DEATH...

YOU SEE, KOGAR THINKS I'VE DONE MY PART AND THAT I'M NO LONGER NEEDED... BUT I HEARD THAT EXPLOSION... AND I WON'T GIVE HIM THOSE CRATES...

WHAT IS INSIDE THE CRATES?



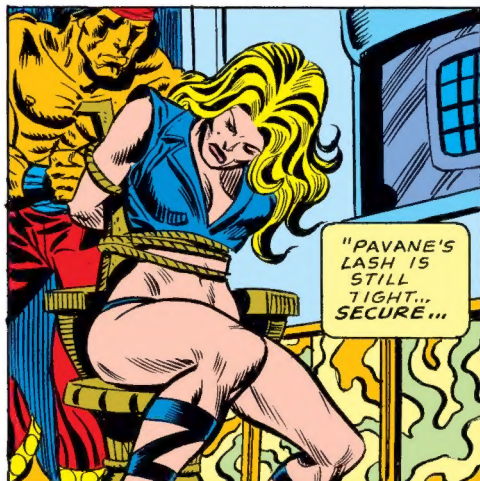
I... I DON'T...

...KNOWWW...

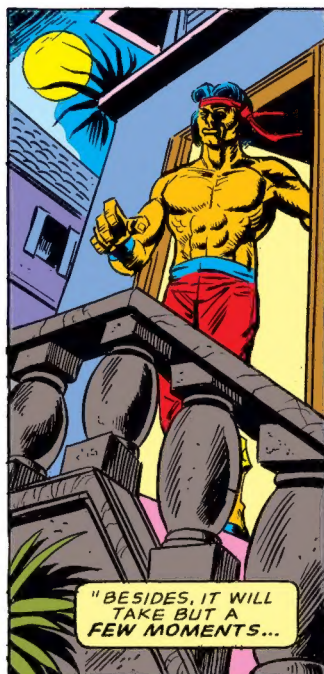
"NOW THEY ARE BOTH UNABLE TO SPEAK."



"BUT I MUST KNOW. YET, CAN I LEAVE THEM ALONE... TOGETHER?"



"PAVANE'S LASH IS STILL TIGHT... SECURE..."



"BESIDES, IT WILL TAKE BUT A FEW MOMENTS..."



"...TO LEARN WHY A CRATE IS SO PRECIOUS THAT IT CAN BE THE CAUSE OF MURDER."



"AND WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE WANT THE CRATES? SHEN KUEI, SKULLCRUSHER, PAVANE--ALL WORKING FOR THE RED CHINESE..."

"AND NOW THIS KOGAR, WORKING FOR... WHOM?"



SO NOW WE MUST LEARN WHERE THE CRATES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND--





I'M **SURPRISED**, CHANG. YOU KNOW THE DANGERS OF **SWIMMING** THROUGH OUR WATERFALL!

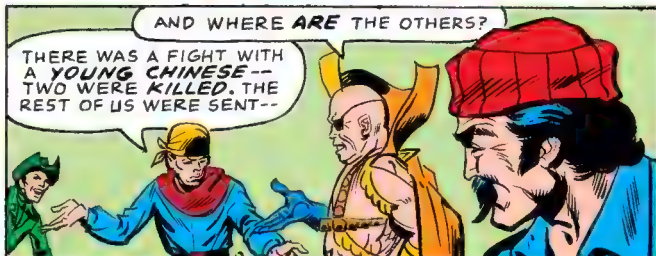
THE **CRATES**. KOGAR...

...THEY ARE AT A **HOUSE UPRIVER**.



GOOD. DOES OUR "ALLY" SUSPECT THAT YOUR LOYALTY LIES WITH ME?

NO -- I SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE OTHERS



AND WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

THERE WAS A FIGHT WITH A **YOUNG CHINESE** -- TWO WERE **KILLED**. THE REST OF US WERE SENT --



"--TO SUMMON OUR ALLY'S FRIENDS AT THEIR CAMP."

QUICKLY -- WE MUST GO TO THE **HOUSE**.

JULIETTE NEEDS ALL OF US.



WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

TWO ARE **DEAD** -- AND CHANG WAS **LOST** ON THE WAY HERE. NOW **HURRY!**



"KOGAR'S EMPLOYERS DO NOT **MATTER** NOW. ONCE I HAVE LEARNED WHAT IS IN THIS **CRATE**..."



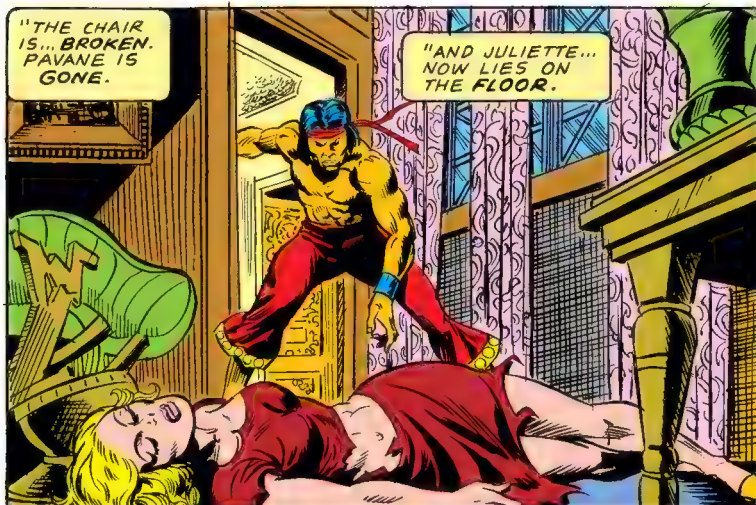
SKRAKT
KRATCH

"WAIT! THE SOUND OF **BREAKING WOOD**..."



"...FROM THE **HOUSE!**

JULIETTE!



"THE CHAIR IS... BROKEN. PAVANE IS GONE."

"AND JULIETTE... NOW LIES ON THE FLOOR."



"BUT... DID SHE MERELY ATTEMPT TO STOP PAVANE IN A STRUGGLE?"

"OR HAS PAVANE... SLAIN HER?"



WHO?

OH-- SHEN KUEI!



YOU HAVE FAILED AGAIN, SKULLCRUSHER?

Y-YES, SHEN KUEI... I--

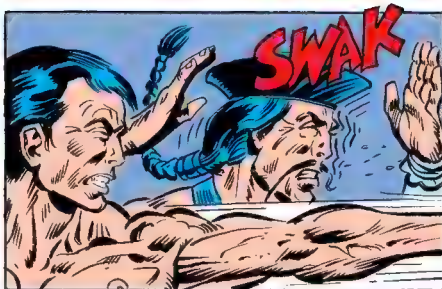


AND PAVANE?

I... I WAS FORCED TO LEAVE HER... BACK AT--



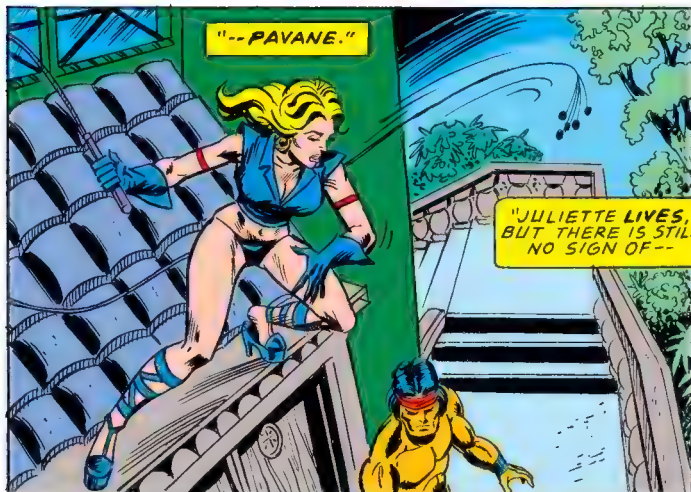
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GET UP!

WE WILL GO BACK TO THE HOUSE, AND YOU WILL SLAY THE BRITISHER, SHANG-CHI... OR I WILL SLAY YOU.

AND WORSE THAN THAT, SKULLCRUSHER, I WILL LET YOU "LIVE"... IF ANYTHING AT ALL HAS BEFALLEN--

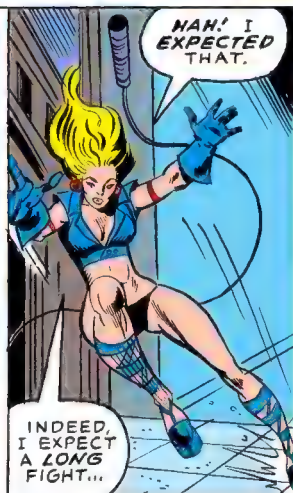
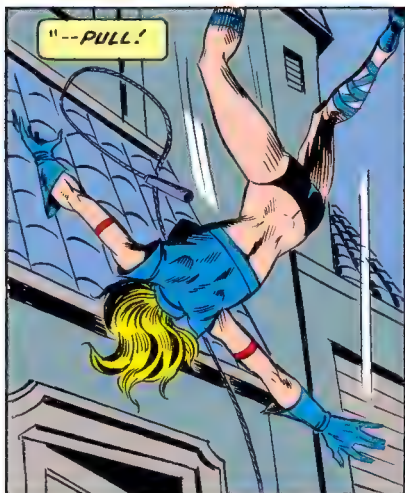
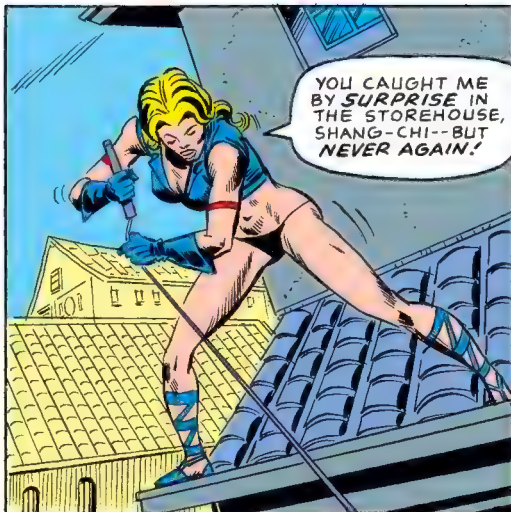


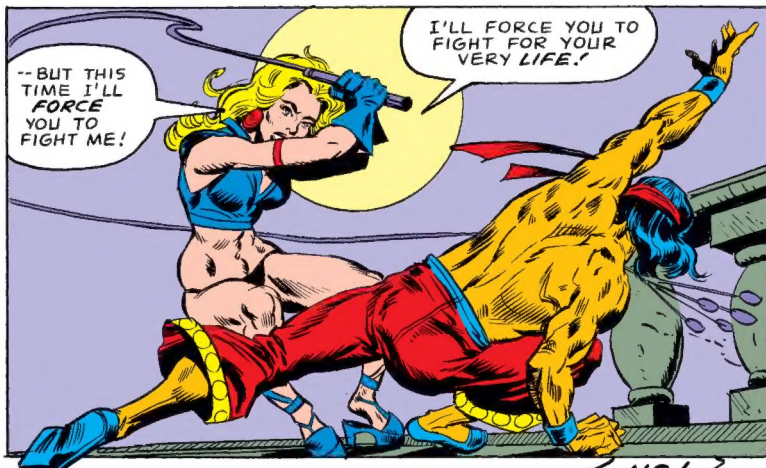
-- PAVANE.

"JULIETTE LIVES, BUT THERE IS STILL NO SIGN OF--



AAGHH!!





-- BUT THIS TIME I'LL FORCE YOU TO FIGHT ME!

I'LL FORCE YOU TO FIGHT FOR YOUR VERY LIFE!



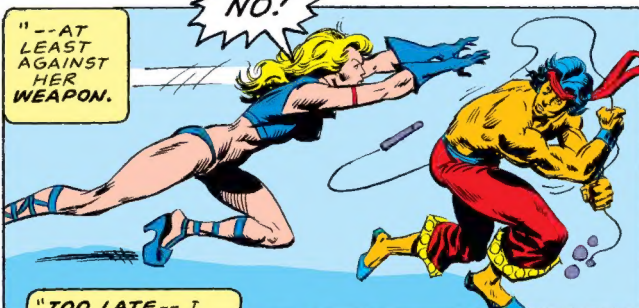
FIGHT ME, SHANG-CHI!



FIGHT ME!

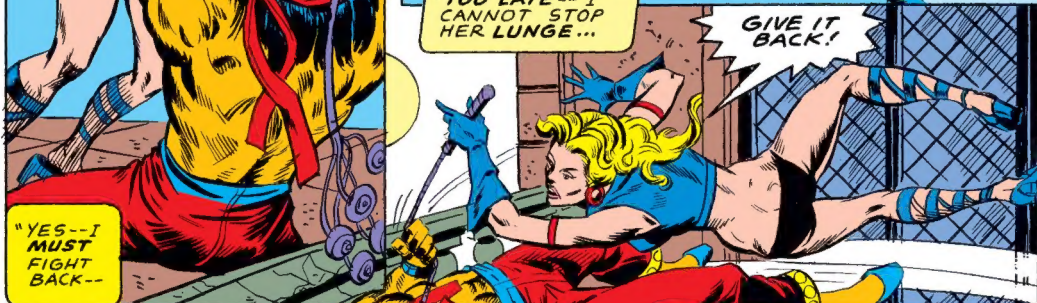
"-- AT LEAST AGAINST HER WEAPON."

NO!



"TOO LATE-- I CANNOT STOP HER LUNGE..."

GIVE IT BACK!



"YES-- I MUST FIGHT BACK--"

"... AND NOW, FROM DEEP WITHIN THE JUNGLE..."

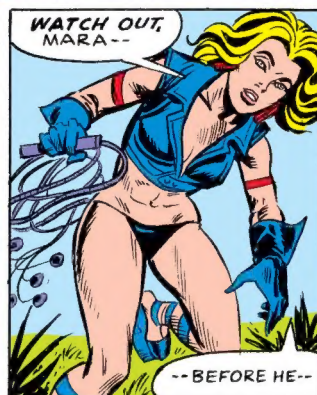
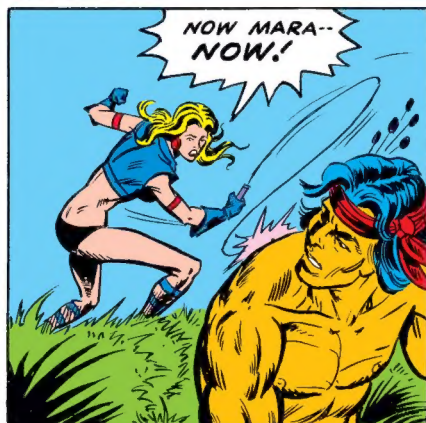


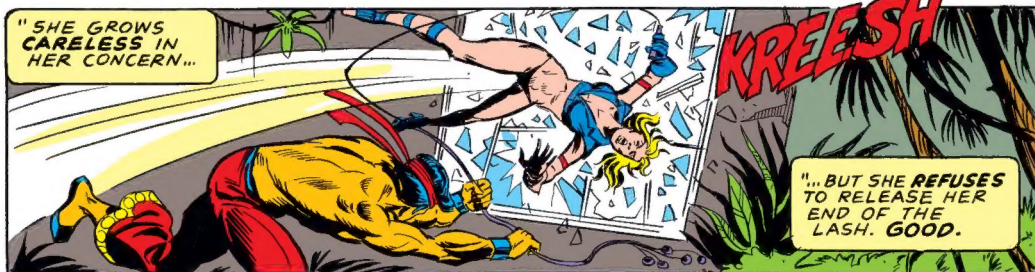
"WE BOTH FALL THROUGH DARKNESS..."

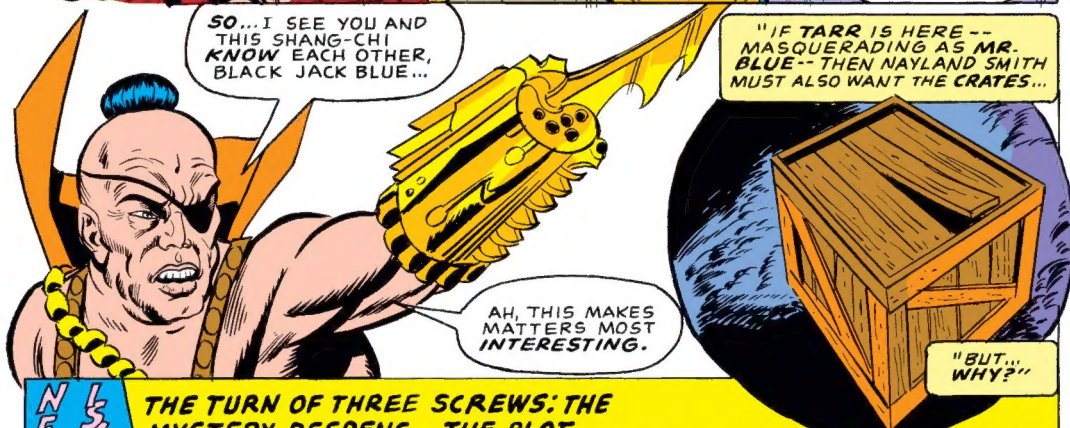
MARA-- COME!



"... SOUNDS THE GROWL OF A LARGE CAT."







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ISSUE**

THE TURN OF THREE SCREWS: THE
MYSTERY DEEPENS-- THE PLOT
THICKENS AND THE ACTION
COMES FAST AND FURIOUS!

TWO RIVERS!